

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term! All of the children have settled fantastically well into the new school year and have been working very hard in pre-school.

Pre-school have had lots of fun in the outdoor areas looking at all the signs that the seasons are changing. They have had lots of fun exploring The Grove, particularly finding spiders, fungi and rosemary beetles. The children have made pictures using the autumnal leaves they have found, including a dragon's fiery breath, and have talked about the different colours they can see. The children have made potions inside to turn themselves into different creatures using lentils and rice. They loved exploring pumpkins; how they look inside, how roasted pumpkin seeds taste and what we can make with it.



We are aware that a number of rodents have been spotted in the area around the school. We have had visit from a Pest Controller who has inspected the school grounds and determined that there are no nests visible on the grounds. It would appear that they have been disturbed by the building works and seem to be moving to a new area. We have taken all recommended measures to ensure that the school remains clear but please could we ask that any food waste at the end of the day is taken home with you, or is placed in one of the waste bins in the plaza at the front of the school which are well sealed and inaccessible to the rodents.

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A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds – unless they are for assistance. Please can you ensure they remain off the school premises when you are dropping off or collecting your children.

If your child will not be in attendance for a session due to a holiday or appointment, please can you ensure that you email the office at pre-school@wintringham.cambs.sch.uk detailing this listing the dates your child will be absent for.

We have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers of children in the Pre-School. A request to join this group can be made using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/397561551714119>

The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Upcoming term dates for the school year 2024/2025 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in Pre-school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into Pre-School until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you have to drive, please can you park with consideration. Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Please note that children in Pre-School do not have to wear uniform. Children aged 3 and above may purchase a sweatshirt with the school logo on if they wish however,

Please ensure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to Pre-school with them every day. All children should also have a named water bottle or Sippy cup with them every day.

Email Communication

We have an email communication system, Arbor, which allows us to communicate with parents by email. Please ensure that your email address and all telephone numbers are kept up to date with the school office.

Online Payments

Our Arbor online payment system is used for recording charges incurred for sessions taken and for you to be able to pay for sessions. If you can't access the Arbor Parent Portal or app, which is also now available for both Android and Apple devices, please contact the school office.

Nut Allergy

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must **NOT** contain peanut butter or other nut snacks as we have several children with allergies in school. This includes items that state that they 'may contain nuts'. Thank you for your consideration.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st Nov	- Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th Nov	- Staff Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 5 th Nov	- Autumn Term continues (children back in school)

Thursday 7 th Nov	- prospective parent tour (Reception 2025)
Monday 11 th Nov	- prospective parent tour (Reception 2025)
Friday 20 th Dec	- last day of term
Monday 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan	- Christmas and New Year Holiday

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Bryden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Tracy Bryden
Executive Headteacher
On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)